

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace FIGS. 1 - 3 with the amended version included herewith.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 15 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 15.

Applicant is amending the specification to provide consistent descriptors for features shown in the drawings.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings are objected to because rectangular boxes should be labeled. Applicant amended the drawings to provide labels for the rectangular boxes. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Applicant is amending claim 9 to address this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

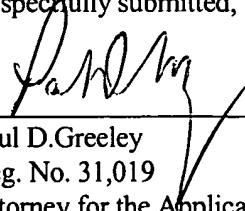
As mentioned above, Applicant is amending claim 9 to address a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. The amendment to claim 9 is not intended to narrow the meaning of any term of the claims, and as such, the doctrine of equivalents should be available for all of the elements of all of the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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